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For:	Apparatus and Method for	)		
	Extracting Particles from a	)		
	Fluid Stream	)		

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sirs:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action of November 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.